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ALBANIAN RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION NEARS COMPLETION; FINISH NEW HIGHWAY, LAUNCH NEW MOTOR SHIP

PEQIN-ELBASAN LINE WELL UNDER WAY -- Tirana, Bashkimi, 31 Aug 50

The 32-kilometer Peqin-Elbasan railroad line, now under construction, is well under way. Thus far, 79.38 percent of the earthwork and 71 percent of the concrete work have been finished. Of the total trackage of 35 kilometers, 6,007 linear meters have been laid so far.

Tracks are being laid from Peqin to the Paper station, and preparatory work has been done for laying tracks in the direction of Elbasan.

Twelve bridges have been completed. The Bishqem tunnel, a major project, was finished on 25 August.

The following map shows the present status of the line:

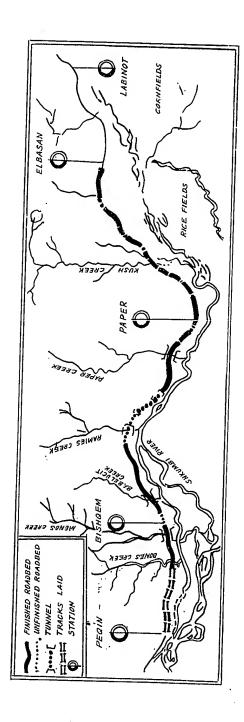
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NEW ROAD OUTLET FOR BULQIZE MINE -- Tirana, Bashkimi, 29 Aug 50

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Peshkopi (Albanian Telegraphic Agency) -- The "Rruga" State Enterprise has just finished the new motor road which connects the chrome mine at Bulqize with the Tirana-Peshkopi road at Qafe e Dullit. The new road is over 4.2 kilometers long.

Work on the road was begun in May. Previously, the ore removed from the mine was carried to Qafe e Dullit by cableway. The new road goes all the way to the gallerier of the mine.

About 7,500,000 lek have been spent on the new road.

DURRES YARD BUILDS MOTOR CRAFT -- Tirana, Zeri i Popullit, 15 Jul 50

Durres -- The Durres Shipyard, which 5 years ago had only one small shed for the repair of a few insignificant vessels, has just launched the motor ship 10 Korrik. The shipyard is now building motor boats, motor sailers, and modern motor ships.

Vasil Xhanxhi is the captain of the 10 Korrik.

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